

UFOB INDEX CARD **AISS-UFOB-340-57**

1. DATE 24 Oct 57 10 OCT 57		2. LOCATION Thermopolis, Wyo.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 10/1140Z Oct 57		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION $\frac{1}{2}$ second		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Straight	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round white object the size of a quarter at arm's length. Object flew straight from 100 degrees to 230 degrees in $\frac{1}{2}$ second.				11. COMMENTS Concur with Reporting Officer that this sighting was caused by a meteor.	

*As result of ATC mistake
wide-scale investigation
is made - concerning the
pilot's flight*

LD, DAYTON, OHIO, FRIDAY, OCT 10

Pilot Sees Fireball Fall After Near Collision

By Associated Press

DENVER, Oct. 10—A brilliant ball of fire described as large as a house, blazed across western skies in the pre-dawn darkness today. It whizzed so close to a Navy plane carrying 39 persons that the pilot had to make a sharp turn to avoid a collision.

Scientists said they are sure the flaming object was a meteorite and had no connection with the Russian satellite launched last week.

The Navy transport plane pilot, Lt. Cmdr. W. F. Norris, said after seeing the fireball, he circled over it and saw it crash in rugged country near the Colorado-Utah border. Norris said he had to bank sharply to avoid the fireball.

Headquarters of the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs said flyers will search the area east of Myton, in east-central Utah.

Airplane pilots and night toilers all the way from North Dakota to Utah told of seeing the flaming sky wanderer illuminating the heavens.

Capt. E. A. Anderson, who was in the plane's cockpit when the fireball first was seen, said the

object came driving out of the north.

Anderson said the object flashed by the left side of the transport plane and appeared to have burned out about 1,000 feet below. The plane was flying at 17,000 feet at the time and was three minutes past its checkpoint at Myton, Utah.

An Air Force bomber pilot, Lt. George Wortell of Cleveland, said he thought for a time it was on a collision course with his plane, and:

"... When it passed instead of hitting us, excitement turned to awe. The cockpit was lit up like daylight... it was a big ball of blue-white fire only five or 10 miles away..."